CONSENSUS PROTECTED DATABASE

A consensual database comprises a database of data items (18) at a database server (16) and a store of wrappers (38) at a consensus server (26). A wrapper is applied to all consensual data items. The wrapper includes a field indicating whether the data item can be viewed by other users and/or some other consensus status, fields showing when the data item was last verified and fields showing when and by whom the data item was updated. An anti-tamper engine may also be included. The data correct field is automatically updated when the data subject views the field. An application server (24) applies rules to the provision of data items which may be accessed across the Internet via a web server (22).